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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Carter

SUBJECT: Dr. William Baker's Interest in Audio Measures

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1. [redacted] called this afternoon concerning Dr. Killian's telephone call to you. Relative to paragraph 3 of your Memorandum for the Record, [redacted] says that Dr. Bill Baker has been interested in our audio work for some years. Baker is particularly impressed with the Agency's offensive capabilities, but apparently is upset because the Government has not licked the defensive problem. He also feels that the severity of the problem is not realized through the top echelons of the Government--right up to the President.

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2. Some time ago, Baker requested a three-pronged briefing on audio work: the first describing our offensive capabilities; another on defensive capabilities, including problems our "sweepers" encounter in the field; and, third, damage which the U. S. has suffered through enemy audio penetration. [redacted] briefed Baker's panel early in March on the first prong only, describing our offensive audio capabilities. On March 24, [redacted] briefed the Killian Committee, upon the request of Baker, and he says the Committee seemed to be impressed by our capabilities.

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3. According to [redacted] Baker is still concerned by the lack of R&D effort against audio countermeasures. He has specifically asked [redacted] where this effort should be centered in the Government: how about CIA handling it; and, categorically, whether it should be in TSD. [redacted] says that he has evaded these questions and only on the last one suggested that it be discussed with Dick Helms. 25X1

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4. [redacted] phoned this information in thinking it might lend some light on paragraph 3 of your memorandum for the record. He will be happy to provide any other info desired.

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cc: [redacted]

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